



Pray with us for Sudan

PRAYER RESOURCES

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN SUDAN

God of Peace,

We pray for the people of Sudan
who have been affected by decades of conflict

Heal the emotional and physical wounds
with your love

Give strength to those who struggle day by day

Father, we pray that you empower us to be
Christians of action

Help us to keep our eyes focused on peace
throughout Sudan

Give us the courage to speak out for truth and
justice as we stand in solidarity with the people
of Sudan

Amen.

Oh God of new heaven and new earth,
We trust in your promised
End to death and mourning, tears and pain.
Sustain us in this hope as we pray for peace in
Sudan.

Amidst fleeing people and faltering peace
agreements,

We implore you to make all things new.

Lead us from prayer to action,
Speaking out for peace talks and peacekeepers,
Reconciling and rebuilding.

When peace seems so far away,

Remind us that you are creating a new earth

In us and through us even now.

Amen.

NATIVE AFRICAN PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, the Great
Thumb we cannot evade to
tie any knot;
the Roaring Thunder that splits mighty trees:
the all-seeing Lord up on high who sees
even the footprints of an antelope on
a rock mass here on Earth.
You are the one who does
not hesitate to respond to our call.
You are the cornerstone of peace.

QUOTES

“Peace demands the most
heroic labor and the most
difficult sacrifice. It demands
greater heroism than war.

It demands greater fidelity
to the truth and a much more
perfect purity of conscience.”

—St. Thomas Merton

“While you are proclaiming
peace with your lips, be
careful to have it even more
fully in your hearts.”

—St. Francis of Assisi



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LITANIES OF PEACE AND JUSTICE

#1

L: Lord, so many people are in pain

C: Teach us the way to peace.

L: When people around us don't agree and think differently,

C: Lord, teach us to listen and understand.

L: When we see people getting hurt

C: Lord, teach us to speak up.

L: When we see people who are hungry and poor,

C: Lord, teach us to give to them like you give to us.

L: When we see people treated poorly because of their skin color or language,

C: Lord, teach us to be an example of love.

L: When we see war and conflict around the world,

C: Lord, teach us how to make a difference and bring peace.

L: When we see pain

C: Lord, teach us to bring healing.

L: When we feel low and things don't seem to be going well,

C: Lord, teach us to talk to our friends, our family and to you.

L: When we stop and see all you have given us.

C: Lord, teach us to be thankful.

L: In our lives, our neighborhoods and the world

C: Lord, teach us to pray and teach us the way to peace.

#2

L: Lord, Heavenly Father help us to become peacemakers, that we may be called "The Children of God"

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace.

L: Lord, Heavenly Father, help us purge ourselves of those attributes which make not for peace but which set the stage for war.

C: Lord hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace.

L: Lord, open our minds to see ourselves as Thou seest us, or even, as others see us, and save us from all unwillingness to know our infirmities.

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace.

L: From all hasty utterances of impatience; from the retort of irritation and the taunt of sarcasm; from all infirmity of temper in provoking or being provoked; from love of unkind gossip, and from all idle words that may do hurt, save us, O Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace.

L: Grant us, O Lord, the strength to obey Thy commandments, that we defraud our brother in nothing. May we never commit adultery or do anything to disturb our neighbor's home or family.

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace.

L: Lord, Heavenly Father, grant that we covet nothing that is our neighbor's, neither his house, nor his auto, his bank account, his job, nor anything that is our neighbor's.

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace.

L: Heavenly Father, help us to maintain peace within our own households, with our neighbors in our communities, within our own nations, and in the world.

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace.

L: Lord, Heavenly Father we pray not only for the absence of war, but more especially for Thy peace, which passeth all understanding.

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace.

L: Lord, Heavenly Father, grant us Christ's wish that we may become One with Him, and with Thee; that in union with Thee, we may desire only what Thou dost desire, and thus come to know Thy perfect peace.

C: Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us Thy peace, this day and for evermore.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.

—Luke 2:14

Blessed are the peacemakers!

—Matthew 5:9

Your faith has saved you, go in peace.

—Luke 7:50

My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

—John 14:2

HYMNS

#561 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

#748 O God in Heaven

#546 To Be Your Presence

#524 What Is This Place

#869 We Have Seen the Lord

— *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

#846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

#841 O Son of God, in Galilee

— *Lutheran Service Book*

OTHER READING MATERIAL

From Luther's Small Catechism

Freely Serve Others as Your God Served You. "See, in this way the love of God flows from faith, and from love flows a free, willing, and joyful life of freely given service to our neighbor. For just as our neighbor suffers want and is in need of our surplus, so we have suffered want before God and were in need of His grace. Therefore as God has helped us freely through Christ, so we should devote our body and its activities to helping our neighbor. Thus we see what a high and noble life a Christian life really is."

(W7, 36—E 27, 196—SL 19, 1008)